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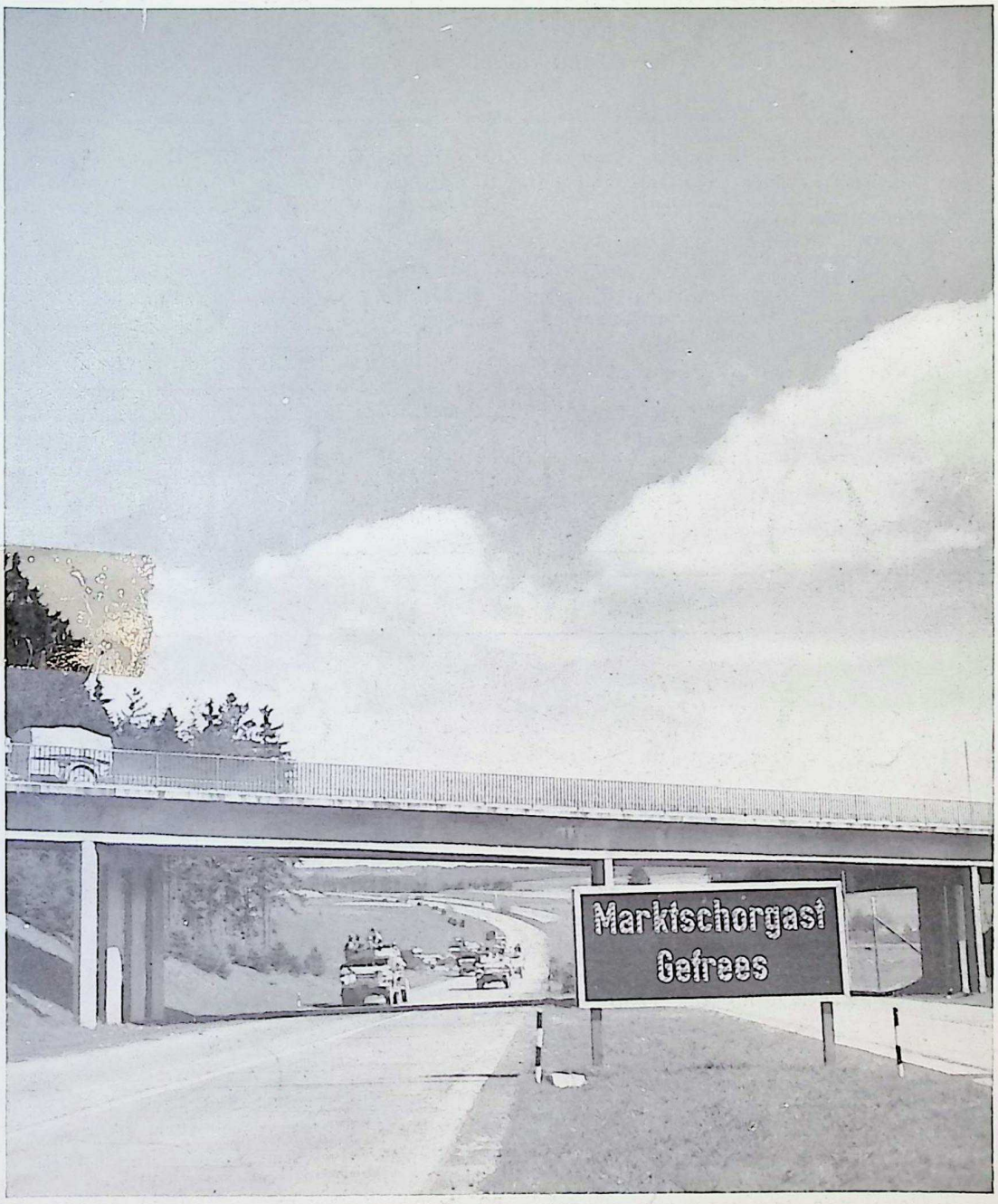

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EDITORIAL

Cheer Up Horace!

About the year 8 A.D. Horace complained bitterly that the world was going to the dogs. He told of children who refused to obey their parents, riotous living, — and war upon war!

If Horace were alive today and privileged to view this poor old planet of ours he would, we are sure, conclude that his lifetime was one of unadulterated bliss as compared to ours.

"Life", O. Henry remarked, "is the one immortal ingredient". Since Henry is in no position to protest the point we'd like to add Immortal Ingredient No. 2, *Faith.*

Faith is the divine quality by which man strives to exist in a world fraught with complexities. By it he struggles to support his family, educate his children, fight the ravages of disease, overcome physical handicaps, believe in God, hopes for a brighter, more peaceful future.

It is possible that we are on the brink of a dark age, the Atomic Era. It is entirely possible that civilization is to go back a thousand years to mediaeval gloom. The thing to remember however is that we do not have to.

Men, human beings, will be entirely responsible for such a cataclysmic event. This fact being so well recognized can we not have faith that man, whatever race or nationality, will not knowingly commit race suicide. Science should not be blamed for the fissure of the atom since nearly everything which comes out of the laboratory may have a dual purpose.

The automobile is a boon to mankind. Cover it with armor and we have a tank, a destructive weapon. The aeroplane is an other great invention for useful purpose yet we have but to install machine guns and bombs and the greatest weapon of death is with us yet no one dreams of blaming the Wright brothers.

The curse of the ages has been man's ability for destruction, predicated on prior construction. We do not believe that man will go so far as to destroy himself, for life is sweet to the great, the near-great and the small. We do believe that man had better cherish the second immortal ingredient, FAITH. Unless he returns to the practice of a Christian life he will surely get what he so richly deserves.

WRITE A FEATURE FOR YANKEE DOINGS

In the magazine business it is a truism that the most potent aid to circulation is a good fight raging on the printed page. We are fresh out of "good fights". DOINGS is getting positively saccharine as it breathes sweetness and light.

We need news, features, anything in fact that you think will interest other readers. Somewhere in your systems must be a good thought you just never got around to write. If that is so send it in.

You new members of the new YD are also urged to send in material because we old soldiers would like to learn all we can of this new war before they lay us out. This is your magazine, Bud. Send in some copy and you'll hear hurrays from Maine to California.

Did You Serve in the 328th Inf.?

Many mothers are writing us letters that tear at ones heartstrings as they pathetically search for some buddy who served with their son before he was killed.

If you served with D Company of the 328th Infantry and knew Pfc. Francis X. Wilcox please write his mother Mrs. Frank Wilcox at 768 Dartmouth St., South Dartmouth, Mass. Tell her all the homely little things you boys did together, tell her how bravely he fought and died for this country we love so much. Tell her today!

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Now that the 26th Inf. Division is in the States, I'm hoping to hear from someone who might have details on my husband's death. He was reported killed in action in the vicinity of Loho, France, Nov. 23, 1944. My husband was a member of Co. A, 101st Regiment. I wish someone who might have known him would please write to me. Mrs. Julia Chianello, Trenton, New Jersey.

This Is How It Was!

By Alfred LaFreniere
Springfield Chapter

During the Ardennes breakthrough, while the division was at Eschdorf, the German Artillery was zeroed on certain objectives which they shelled at certain times and then moved out before we could retaliate.

Thus when the Division command post was being shelled one night round twelve o'clock, I ran up into the attic of the Eschdorf School where a half dozen men were sleeping in some bunkbeds. Bellowing out, "the town's being shelled, come into the basement." The fellows got up and hurriedly dressed and soon were in the comparative safety of the cellar, all except Bill Crosby of Swampscott, who found it difficult to get out of the top tier of the bunkbed, then could not locate his clothes quickly, then required a hand to lead him into the cellar.

But the next night at midnight it started again. This time when I announced, "Downstairs, Fellows, we're getting belted again." The cyclone that was Crosby was out of the top bed into his trousers on the run and knocking aside all obstacles, was the first one into the cellar.

The YD did not find all of its excitement overseas. There were quite a few thrilling incidents encountered in the various missions assigned to it on the Atlantic Seaboard. The following happened to one of the groups of the 104th Inf.:

It was one of those dark nights on the Florida coast with just enough light from the starry sky to cast shadows ominously along the quiet beach.

Capt. Richard L. Harrison was taking a trip with the 10 P.M. patrol between St. John's river and St. Augustine. The patrol had just entered the wilderness about twenty-five miles this side of St. Augustine, in the vicinity where four saboteurs had landed two months previously.

The Captain stopped his jeep and was telling the circumstances of the landing when his observant eyes caught the movement of half dozen shapes crawling on the beach 100 yards distant.

"Look, spies landing," exclaimed Capt. Harrison. "Now driver you get to the nearest phone and call for some more men, and the rest of us will attempt to hold these men until you return." Then began a creeping and crawling expedition to get into a commanding position for the captain and his two assistants. The shadows appeared to be crawling also. Finally they were close enough to challenge — and the intrepid group suffered a set-back the shadows turned out to be a half dozen cows settling for the night on the warm sands of the beach.

DON'T FORGET DEADLINE ON YANKEE DOINGS COPY

WE MUST HAVE IT BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH

328TH INFANTRY HISTORY

A few copies of the history of the 328th Infantry WW#2 have been received at National Headquarters and are available to anyone desiring a copy. Write the National Secretary.

104TH INFANTRY REUNION

The 104th Infantry reunion will be held at Springfield, Mass., on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27. For further information contact Adjutant Lawrence A. Wagner, 201 Oak St., Holyoke, Mass. Annual Memorial service at mural painting of the decoration of the 104th Infantry at the State House, Boston, Mass., at noon on Wednesday, April 24th. All 104th men invited.

LAST MAN'S CLUB HOLDS ITS FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT NEW HAVEN

New Haven Chapter members of the Last Man's Club met at Ceriani's Cafe Mellone February 2nd, 1946, and held a solemn and impressive ceremony in honor of our departed Comrades, Leonard J. Maloney, Frank H. Geary, Andrew Anastasio, John J. Sullivan.

A short business meeting followed and a Roast Beef Dinner was served, entertainment was furnished by Miss Mildred Butler, accordianist and songstress, Billy Madigan and Harry Tomlin, magician extraordinary. Jack Bathgate recently returned for the European Service played recordings of the 1942-43 and 44 meetings. A new voice recording was made of all members present. Jack Dillon, chairman, was assisted by Fred Sabine, Life recorder, Fred Hirsch, Al Smith and Otis Culver at the piano. Albert J. Smith was elected chairman for the coming year.

CLEVELAND PLANS GALA AFFAIR

No one has ever discovered any moss growing within forty miles of Cleveland Chapter and Comrade Bastel writes in a spot of news to once again prove it.

The Chapter plans a triple celebration which will comprise a Tenth Anniversary, Installation of 1946 Officers and a Welcome Home to World War II Heroes.

As plans progress we will let you know when and where, but in the meantime, keep your eye on Cleveland.

GEN. H. C. HALE, FORMER YD LEADER, DIES IN THE WEST; EX-CHICAGOAN

Palo Alto, Cal., March 22 [Special] — Maj. Gen. Harry C. Hale, 84, U.S.A. retired, former army chief in Chicago, died here last night. Commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in 1883, his record included engagements from the Sioux Indian campaign of 1890 to the Vosges Pass in World War I. He was an uncle of Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, commanding general of the 4th air force.

During World War I, he first commanded the 84th [Lincoln] division and later the 26th [Yankee] division.

Gen. Hale was born in Knoxville, Ill., and spent his boyhood in Galesburg, from where he was appointed to West Point.

Sixth Area Commander

Gen. Hale headed the 6th army corps area [now 6th service command] with headquarters in Chicago, from Nov. 11, 1922, until his retirement from the army July 10, 1925. On July 4 of that year the 6th corps area led the nation by mobilizing four million civilian volunteers on the second national defense test day. Gen. Hale resided at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

103RD FIELD ARTILLERY

BATTERY B REUNION

If you served with Battery B, 103rd Field Artillery, plan to attend the reunion to be held at Providence, R. I. Chapter headquarters on Wednesday, May 1 at 8 p. m.

Send your name and address to Clifton O. Emmons, Greenville, R. I. Cliff wants to form a permanent B Battery Association such as A and C has so write him at once.

Yankee Doings should reach most of the men but to make doubly sure write any man you know who served with you as a double check. If a picture is taken at the reunion we'll gladly print it in Doings.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

11th Armored Division elements speed along Autobahn to Nurenburg.

MANCHESTER, N. H. AUXILIARY HOLDS PUBLIC WHIST PARTY

Mrs. Alice LaFlame, of 28 Temple st., president of the YDVA auxiliary, was hostess at a meeting of the auxiliary at her home recently when members enjoyed a social evening and refreshments, following the business session.

During the meeting plans were made for a public whist party at Grand Army hall the afternoon of the March 25 meeting and Mrs. Alma Grandmaison was named chairman, to be assisted by Mrs. LaFlame and Mrs. Blanche Beaucher. Penny sale will take place at the evening meeting with Mrs. Helen Butteau and Mrs. Beaucher in charge. One member, Mrs. Blanche Bibeau, who has been ill in the hospital, was reported improved and returned home.

Penny sale followed the meeting and was in charge of Mrs. Butteau. Attendance award was presented to Mrs. Blanche Beaucher and the mystery award to Mrs. Alma Grandmaison. The hostess served a lunch following the penny sale.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

On Thursday, February 21, your National Commander and party attended the annual installation and dinner party of the New York Chapter, held at the Hotel Lexington. After a very fine dinner with the help of Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Patch, I installed the newly elected officers. The evening ended with an excellent entertainment of amateur and professional acts and a drawing of gifts for the ladies including sixteen pairs of "Nylons". It was very graftifying to see so many of the new boys present.

Sunday, March 3rd, we were at New Haven to escort General Willard S. Paul to the formation of a new post of the Jewish War Veterans which was instituted in honor of Stanley Fishman, a YD boy who gave his life saving that of his commanding officer. The New Haven Chapter had a splendid turnout for this affair. I deemed it a privilege to be present at such an occasion.

Kent County Chapter, West Warrick, R. I., entertained us royally on the evening of March 9. Dept. Commander Macallum and several of his comrades were on hand. Commander Simpson and his officers with the assistance of their ladies served a most delicious lunch of home cooked foods. National Convention Chairman Jones and his staff were on hand to sell registrations to the boys and their better halfs.

The following day we attended the Connecticut State Department meeting at Hartford. Commander Fray as usual conducted a very fine meeting.

Tuesday, March 12, a welcome home meeting was held at New Bedford for the World War II veterans. It was a well attended meeting and we installed the officers.

On Tuesday, March 19, I attended a welcome home dinner for the World War I members of the Lynn Chapter who were fortunate enough to have the honor of serving in World War II. P.N.C. Ray Doucette as chairman did a very nice job and presented each honored guest with a gift from the Chapter.

Have You Registered For The National Convention In June? If not please do so as soon as possible so that your convention group may make their plans accordingly.

I know that every one will be pleased to know that we have passed the 5000 mark in membership. Keep up the good work and we will have double that number.

Sincerely yours,
— Dennis J. Brunton,
National Commander.

101st INFANTRY, W.W. II, MEET AT DINNER

On Sunday evening, March 17, 1946, the World War II veterans of the 101st Infantry held their first get-together since the close of the war. The affair was conducted in the main ballroom of the Hotel Bradford and a capacity crowd of 800 filled the hall. About 200 late arrivals had to be turned away as the hotel simply couldn't accommodate any more.

After an hour of hand-shaking, "How've you been," and "What're you doing", the boys sat down to a well prepared turkey dinner with all the fixings, followed by music entertainment and a few good speakers.

Seated at the head table were: Governor Maurice J. Tobin, Major General Roger W. Eckfeldt, Brigadier General William I. Rose, Brigadier General Edward L. Logan, Col. Paul G. Kirk, Col. Walter T. Scott, Col. Ralph A. Palladino, Lt. Col. David Brickley, Edward A. Connor, president of the Boston Chapter, Y.D.V.A., H. Guy Watts, Nat. Secretary of the Y.D.V.A., Fr. Joseph P. Mahoney, and Fr. John J. Hlopko, the latter two former chaplains of the regiment, and William P. (Bucky) Coffey, president of the 101st Veterans' Ass'n.

Thomas I. (Buddy) Coughlin was the toastmaster of the evening, being introduced by Tim Doherty, chairman of the committee in charge of the reunion, and Fr. Mahoney pronounced the invocation.

Col. Scott, war time commander of the regiment, who incidentally came all the way from Fort Bragg, North Carolina for the affair, paid high tribute to the fighting qualities of the regiment, characterizing it as the "best regiment in the army" and to the wealth of material and leadership he found in the unit upon taking command.

Gen. Rose, representing Mayor James M. Curley, extended the good wishes of the City of Boston. He added his own expression of friendship and admiration of the officers and men of the regiment, gained as an enlisted man of Co. G in World War I and as commanding general of the 51st Brigade, of which the 101st Infantry was a part, at the time of induction into the Federal service in January, 1941.

Col. Kirk, the main speaker of the evening, reminisced on the personnel of the regiment as he knew it, recalling to the members the last St. Patrick's Day party which the regiment had held in 1942 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He then traced the various officers and men of the regiment who had left since that time, going to form cadres of new divisions, and to reinforce divisions already in existence. He paid tribute to former members of the regiment who fought in the jungles of the wide Pacific, who took part in the landings in Africa, fought in the bitterly contested beach heads of Anzio and Salerno, and who streamed ashore at Cherbourg on D-Day. He touchingly and poetically eulogized the men of the regiment who laid down their lives, calling many of them by name. Finally he warned the members of the regiment of the danger of being divided and led by demogogues, advising them strongly to present a solid front in the battles of peace time as they did in war.

Governor Tobin followed, expressing the gratitude and admiration of the Commonwealth for the battle records compiled by the regiment in both World Wars. He struck a note of warning against the unrest and threats of war existing throughout the world, and ranged himself on the side of those who believe in security through strength, coming out strongly in favor of compulsory military training as well as a strong, well trained National Guard.

During the course of the evening an active group representing the 101st Infantry Veterans' Ass'n. circulated through the crowd, signing up applicants for membership. Later on an impressive ceremony, President "Bucky" Coffee inducted most of the World War II members into the association, to form one solid organization of 101st Infantry veterans of both wars.

27th Annual Convention Notes

HEADQUARTERS — WORCESTER, MASS.

Registration

The advanced registration is showing an improvement day by day and the housing committee is up to its neck for finding rooms for all who plan on staying the entire three days.

Believe me, Comrades, this is no easy task as the city of Worcester is just as tough on the housing situation as any other city comparable in size.

The Convention Hotel (Sheraton) has informed us that they require a three-day guarantee on all who intend to stop there, namely June 27, 28, and 29th. All others who plan for two days or less we will have to house in the other hotels in the city.

At this time may we extend a vote of thanks to the Bristol Chapter for the business-like manner in which they handled their registrations. Bill Thompson and Will Salladin made the trip to Worcester last Sunday and registered their entire group; also reserved their hotel rooms in a bloc, paying for same in advance at the hotel. This splendid gesture relieved the hard-working house committee and your general chairman of a lot of detail.

The New York Chapter informed me by telephone that they would do likewise and are sending check to cover their hotel rates. This, Comrades, is real old-fashioned YD spirit and other chapters would do well to follow suit.

Souvenir Book of Sons and Daughters

In the January issue of "DOING" we called to the attention of the members that the convention committee planned a separate souvenir book to contain all the pictures of our sons and daughters including those beloved kids who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

To date we have had very little cooperation on the part of the membership in sending in the photos of their children and some that we have received have received have been small snapshots that will be hard to reproduce. Our original idea was to have a nicely bound book that will be a keep-sake for the future. *So Please,* Comrades, get on the ball and send in the pictures of our swell boys and girls. *All photos will be returned.*

THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Practically all chapters have by now received a sufficient amount of prize-drawing books with a circular letter explaining this feature of the convention.

As we want this post-war Victory Convention as our National Commander so aptly called it in his talk before the Hartford Chapter to be the best ever

we took this grand-prize idea as a method to raise enough of money to assure each and every member who attends, the best time that they have ever experienced at any convention. *Just to sight one example..* The registration fee is two dollars. The clam bake and lobster dinner we are planning to serve will be along the lines of the Springfield convention and all who attended that dinner know that it was the best ever put out by a convention committee. As that was in 1942 and this is 1946 we all realize the prices of everything have increased 80% and our shore dinner will cost us in the neighborhood of three dollars per person. Now add the cost of all other attractions to this one item and then figure out for yourselves what you are getting for your two dollar registration fee.

You can readily see why your committee is anxious to have each and every member sell just one of the books for the GRAND PRIZE drawing to be held the night of the Military Ball at the Memorial Auditorium.

As soon as a book is sold make your returns to your chapter commander. This should not be too great an effort on the part of a good YD man.

In addition to the prizes already listed on the circular you received by mail, we intend to give a Good-Will Prize to the chapter selling the most books according to the percentage of their membership. For instance, a chapter having forty members will have the same advantage as a chapter with a membership of eight hundred on the percentage basis. So what do you say, fellows, let's get on the ball and dispose of all the books sent you.

DRUM CORPS AND BANDS

The committee on bands and drum corps would like to call to the attention of all chapters who have a corps or who intend to bring one along for the big Sunday Parade to contact them as soon as possible so that they may be entered in the competition to be held in Institute Park. There will be five hundred dollars to be awarded in prizes besides numerous cups and trophies. More in the May issue.

Yours in comradeship,

Fred A. Jones,
Gen. Chairman Convention Committee

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS' DINNER TO GENERAL WILLARD S. PAUL

At 27th National Convention — Worcester — Saturday, June 29th

TO ALL CHAPTER COMMANDERS

The revised program of the Y. D. V. A. National Convention provides for a Past National Commanders' Dinner to General Willard S. Paul. This will be held in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton, Saturday, June 29th, at 6 P. M.

Due to limited seating capacity: (1) The dinner will be "stag"; (2) Tickets must be fairly allotted.

Cost of tickets, three dollars. To assure reservation of tickets sufficient for the needs of your chapter delegation, kindly notify the Convention Committee immediately of the number of your members who desire reservations.

Yours in comradeship,

FRED A. JONES, *Chairman*
Convention Committee

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene A. Beaudoin, 140 Summer St., Lewiston, Me.

CUMBERLAND

Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Mishel Kahill
1121 Congress St., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Everett F. Burnell
R. F. D. 6, Portland, Me.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Columbia Hotel on March 7, 1946. We elected our officers for the coming year—Commander, Harold H. Rutter; Vice-Commander, William E. Love; Secretary, Austin J. Lund; Treasurer, Earl A. Howard; Chaplin, Everett F. Burnell; Sgt.-at-Arms, Michael Molino; Trustee, Oliver C. Dudley.

Comrade Rutter wants every member to bring a comrade, who is not a member, to supper at the next meeting as his guest. Comrade Rutter wants to amend the present tax exemption law to read as follows:

All veterans receiving compensation or disconnected service disability to have the tax exempt up to $35.00. This bill to read Wife or Dependent of Veteran or Estate of said veteran at any age his wife will receive the exemption unless she remarries.

— Everett F. Burnell.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael E. S. McDermott, 50 Main St., Hanover, N. H.
Secretary: George Simoneau, Curtiss Inn., Manchester St., Manchester, N.H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: John E. Blidberg
78 Mitchell St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Fred A. Hoyt, Jr.
Rm. 513, Amoskeag Bk. Bldg., Manchester, N. H.

Regular meeting held at Manchester Post 79, American Legion Hall, Wednesday, March 13th. The attendance was fair but the spirit was high.

The committee report for installation of officers is almost completed. The party will be held at the William Jutras Post Hall and it promises to be a hum-dinger. Any of the local YD boys who want to have a real appetizer should come to this party as we have two of the best mixers in the city. Although they both belong to the Temperance Society our hats go off to Samuel Davis and Andrew Dobbie.

We have another new member we cannot pass up at this time and his name is Karl Byam who comes from Springfield, Mass. He is the new treasurer for the coming year.

The drive for new members is now started and I think you will find our chapter over the 100 mark this year. Several of the boys are already planning to attend the convention in Worcester, Mass. Our next meeting will be the big party—April 10th at 7 p.m. P.N.C. John Dunlap presided at the meeting in absence of Comdr. John Blidberg.

— Gene.

NASHUA

Commander: Leo Grandmasion
Secretary: Eugene LaFlame
28 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

Just a line to let you know the Nashua Chapter has had their election of officers. The new officers are:

Commander, Earl L. Williams; Senior Vice-Commander, George M. French; Junior Vice-Commander, Chris Alfsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Eugene LaFlame; Chaplain, Eliot A. Carter.

The Nashua chapter went on record as unanimously favoring universal military training.

— Eugene LaFlame.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye, 83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl M. Bailey, 77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, YDVA

A regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans' Association was held on Sunday, March 25, 1946 at the YD Club of Worcester.

Membership report: Membership is over 5,100. Special letter written by General Paul is being sent to list of new YD men of World War II urging them to join the association.

Report on convention by Chairman Jones: Committee hard at work to make the convention the best one ever held. No report on change of headgear or by-laws committee. Motion was made and passed that list of division in World War be broken down into cities and towns and where there is a chapter to forward names in their vicinity.

The name of Capt. Robert E. Nett, Congressional Medal of Honor man was voted on as an Honorary Member of the New Haven Chapter.

Motion was made and passed that a history committee be formed to compile a history of the division from time of inception until present time. They to have full authority on the writing and compiling until ready to present to the National Executive Committee with the preliminary draft. That they incur no financial obligation to the association.

It was voted to grant charters to two new chapters, one in Northampton, Mass., and the other in Pittsfield, Mass.

BOSTON

Commander: Frank W. Coppinger
27 Adelaide St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular meeting of the YD Club of Boston for March was held on Thursday evening, March 21st and was the annual meeting of the club. The meeting was opened with about 250 in attendance. The minutes of the previous annual meeting was read by the secretary. Treasurer Pacifici reported in detail the finances for the past year, which showed a good balance for the year.

After a slight debate over the omission of ratifying the Nominating Committee at the Preparatory meeting it was moved that we revert to the January meeting in order to accept the Nominating Committee. That was done and Chairman Halfenstine of the Nominating Committee read the report, which was accepted and the following slate of officers were elected for the coming year: President, Frank W. Coppinger; 1st Vice-President, Walter E. Burke; 2nd Vice-President, Ralph A. Palladino; 3rd Vice-President, Anthony J. Rock; Treasurer, Albert M. Pacifici; Secretary, H. Guy Watts; Directors, George A. McDonald, Samuel J. Hingston, Walter L. Sullivan, Thomas I. Coughlin, Daniel A. O'Brien and Louis LaLiberte. After the meeting was concluded movies were shown and there were refreshments.

Membership is 895 with the following World War II members joined since the last issue: Franklin S. Young, 328th Inf.; Angelo B. Mantenuto, Co. B, 101st Inf.; Peter V. Mullin, Medical, 101st Inf.; John R. McMahon, Bty. C, 180th FA.; Harold D. Cushman, Bty. C, 180th FA.; Albert J. Hughes, Serv. Co., 328th Inf.; David A. Johnson, Co. F, 104th Inf.; Robert W. Griffin, Medical, 101st Inf.; John A. Cleary, Co. G, 101st Inf.; Mathais W. Benner, Div. Hdqrs.; Chas. H. Holmes, Medical, 101st Inf.; Victor J. Kudarauski, Co. B, 101st Inf.; Thomas E. Kirwan, Bty. B, 101st FA.; John R. Gray, Co. B, 101st Inf.

Joseph P. Callison, 2 Bn., Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Leonard A. Kelley, Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Champ L. Clark, Service Co., 101st FA.; Reuben A. Kingsbury, 2 Bn., Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Edward C. Kneeland, Co. H, 101st Inf.; Francis A. Kneeland, Co. H, 101st Inf.; Christian A. Powers, Co. D, 101st Inf.; John T. Carty, 2 Bn., Hdqrs., 328th Inf.; Joseph J. Buonopane, 328th Inf.; Alex. M. Allan, Co. F, 104th Inf.; Joseph W. Ridge, 26 MP's.; Chas. Sobelman, Co. B, 101st Inf.; John J. Collins, Jr., Cannon Co., 101st Inf.; Joseph E. McKernan, Co. A, 101st Inf.; Francis E. Valentine, Service Co., 101st Inf.; Lawrence M. Kirk, Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Peter P. Notrem, Service Co., 328th Inf.; Charles Chesna, Service Co., 101st Inf.; James P. Kneeland, Co. D, 101st Inf.; James M. McCarthy, Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Moses Winer, Co. A, 114th Med. Bn.; Henry F. Barry, Co. G, 101st Inf.

Frank H. Leontine, Bty. C, 263rd FA.; Severino Sartor, Division Hdqrs.; Frank C. Bannon, Co. L, 328th Inf.; James S. Celeste, 2 Bn., Hdqrs., 101st Inf.; Frank R. Dale, Co. H, 101st Inf.; Dr. Irving H. Stacks, 114th Med. Bn.; Albert J. Leary, Bty. B, 101st FA.; Philip E. Wildman, Bty. B, 101st FA.; Joseph P. Durkan, Hdqrs. Bty., 101st FA.; Emery J. Waters, Co. E, 101st Inf.; Martin Talmanson, Co. D, 104th Inf.; Leopold Peavy, Jr., Medical, 101st Inf.; Leon Berube, Co. K, 104th Inf.; Edward J. Walsh, Hdqrs., 104th Inf.; George A. Walsh, Co. C, 101st Inf.; John J. Murphy, Service Bty., 180th FA.

Boston Auxiliary

The regular meeting of the YD Auxiliary will be held Wednesday evening, April 10th at the YD Club.

A penny sale will follow the meeting with our President, Mrs. Helen Kellen as chairman.

The officers of the auxiliary are: President, Mrs. Helen Kellen; Senior Vice, Mrs. Ruth Fenno; Junior Vice, Mrs. Mae Cadigan; Recording Secretary, Miss Lillian Kellen; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Lacasse; Treasurer, Mrs. Nonie J. Nugent; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Amelia Penteris; Guard, Mrs. Ella Messinger; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Committee chairmen are: Welfare, Mrs. Mary Smith; Hospital, Mrs. Bertha Kenney; Floral, Mrs. Agnes Lacasse; Membership, Mrs. Ruth Fenno; Publicity, Mrs. Nonie J. Nugent; Sewing, Mrs. Annie Travis.

Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Keenan and her daughter.

ATTENTION!
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BOSTON, MASS.

Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Daughters (16 or over). Meetings held second Wednesday of each month at YD Club, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass. Contact Membership Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Fenno, S.V.P., 85 Summer Street—MYStic 0703-J—MEDford 55, Mass.

BEVERLY

Commander: Harold Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

We had our last meeting at the Legion Home. Started at 6.30 with a turkey supper with all the fixings. Twenty-five of us sat down with ease but after the feed, it took quite a little effort to get a few of them out of their chairs to go up stairs and enjoy a set of movies that were taken and shown by Flight Lt. Conant. These pictures were not only picturesque, but educational and showed us old timers quite a few new angles in warfare.

Lieut. Conant flew a P-51 Mustang fighter and had 52 missions to his credit, flying in Italy, Germany and Hungary, downing a Messerschimdt, and wears an air medal with four clusters.

After the pictures were shown we had a very short meeting at which Comdr. Heald appointed P.C. Frank Smith, Norman McLean and Joseph Batchelder as a nominating committee, to bring in a slate of officers for 1946-1947. Our election was held on Wednesday, March 20th and the installation will be in April.

Our guest of the evening was Past State Comdr. Emile Thibeau of Salem, who outlined the plans of the Salem Chapter's home coming celebration for the YD boys of the surrounding towns on April 13th. This is to be a gala affair so all you new YD boys don't forget the date, and the place is the Salem Armory.

Past Comdr. Fred Hammond was presented with a YD plaque. Although it was rather late in arriving, Fred seemed very pleased to get it.

Our hawk-eyed treasurer, Carlton Hosley then noticed that very few YD berets were in evidence, so he passed the hat and collected a dime from all those without them.

Had the pleasure of signing up a few more of the YD boys. Welcome to Allan M. Clark and Robert H. Kirby.

Congratulations to Abe Katz, that old and new YDer who has been elected to Senior Vice Commander of Earle T. Wardell Post, American Legion. Good luck, Abe.

Well, another YD year is almost over, so don't forget Dues Are Due.

— Joe Bright.

DANVERS

Commander: George J. Ferguson
15 Charles St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

After being out of circulation for three issues I feel I should have something for this issue. The fact is that I have not been any too well all winter having severe bronchial trouble and when you suffer with that you don't have much pep for anything, but I am feeling better now that the cold weather is letting up.

Well, Danvers Chapter is still going along about the same as usual. We still have very successful meetings monthly at Mrs. Pike's Inn and the attendance is around 30 at every meeting. We now have 47 paid-up members which is five more than last year.

Due to illness I missed the last meeting of the chapter, the first time I was absent since we were organized and boy I am sick when I give up a YD meeting. However, Harold Williams ran the show and did a swell job although I don't like the remarks I hear he made about what a swell racket I have—some of the boys said he tried to get two bucks out of them when all I charge was a buck and a half but he did

not get far with his racket—the gang were wise. What are you trying to do Harold, get enough to pay your way to the convention? Well I don't know what else I can say except that National Dues will soon be payable—so don't wait until I send out the notices —send them in whenever you want to and let's see if we can make it 50 members for 1946.

Our next meeting will be at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wednesday, April 24th.

— C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: William King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Secretary: James Meffen, Sr.
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The Fitchburg Chapter met on the evening of March 12, 1946 with 50 members present. Due to the fine weather the gang from Gardner was out in force and it was good to see them as they have a 10-mile drive to get here. Some of our local yokels would do well to get up off their fat fannies and show the out-of-town boys that they are also real YD men. We were all glad to see John Mastors of Leominster who has been on the sick list for some time.

Most of the men are sending in their registrations for the convention and our chapter is getting a chapter room where our members can rest in peace when necessary.

The most interesting highlight of the evening was a talk by United States Marshall J. Henry Goguen, who spoke on the civic duties of all citizens and also on the work of a U. S. Marshall.

Returns on convention booklets are coming in and by April 30th we should be all sold out. All the girls who used to play Bingo will buy a ticket so go get 'em.

A Swedish smorgasbord lunch was served by a Scotchman who wasn't a bit stingy with the brew to wash it down the hatch. The gang broke up at 11.30 p.m. and will meet again April 9th.

— Jim Meffen.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

The ice and snow have at long last departed from Fleet and Court streets. The comrades who long time no see should now be able to attend the meetings. The departure of the snow and ice will interest Comrade Arthur Flanders (F Co., 104th Inf.), who spends his winters in Florida.

The chapter is planning a membership drive for the veterans of both wars. We plan a chowder party or two and some other activities.

Comrade Ernest Meteyer was elected Senior Vice-Commander of Mass. State Dept., YDVA.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Catherine Hamilton is now home from the hospital. We were quite concerned for a time. She was on the danger list for quite a little while. Catherine has always been a "good scout" and a hard worker both for the auxiliary and the chapter. She deserves better things than a stay in the hospital.

— Clyde H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugus, Mass.

Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

This was the big month—Nomination and Election of Officers. Nominated on March 12th were: Commander, William "Bill" Eddows; S.V.C., Arthur Barnaby; J.V.C., Richard Skinner; Peter Sawchuk and Leonard Burnham, all three being World War II veterans; Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette for 16th terms; Sgt.-at-Arms, Stanley Janiszewski, World War II; Chaplain, Walter Smith; Historian, George Walton; Executive Committee, five to be elected, Thomas Curran, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Gustave Johnson, Raymond Booth, Robert Newman, Stephen Loguercio, World War II, and for Trustee of Trust Fund, one to be elected for three-year term, Claude Hoag, Leon Varnam, George Merrill, Harlan McPhetres. Nominations were closed March 19th and election took place March 26th.

On March 19th we held our Welcome Home Dinner to our members who served in World War I and II. Affair was held at our own quarters with 100 present which included 19 guests of honor. A catered dinner was served at 7 p. m.

Opening was by Chaplain Walter Smith. Seated at head table were National Comdr. Dennis Brunton, President of City Council William Desmond, State Comdr. Rudolph Heftye, Comdr. Christian Schacht, Chaplain Walter Smith, S.V.C. William Eddows, J.V.C. Robert Quinn, Secretary Edmund Trudell and Master of Ceremonies was A. Raymond Doucette. Commander Schacht presented each guest of our Honor Roll a beautiful Pin Seal Wallet, suitably inscribed with YD emblems, etc.

Present as guests of honor were Maj. Leslie Babbin,

Ernest Campbell, James Campbell, Walter Clinton, Capt. Harold "Doc" Crowell, Col. Albert Harrington, Daniel McDonough, Capt. Harlan McPhetres, Chester Morley, Lt. Col. Frank "Buddy" Morrison, Col. John Pickett, Walter Pratt, Carl Rogers, Capt. Jeremiah Sullivan, Howard Smith, Lt. Col. Almon Sweetland, Col. Thurlow Dunning. All were given an opportunity to relate their experiences as it was their night.

Col. John Pickett was recently presented the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor by France. All these men did a grand job of it due no doubt to their experience with the old YD.

A fine program followed the dinner with speeches by our hard working National Comdr. Dennis Brunton and Bill Desmond, president of City Council and State Comdr. Rudy Heftye.

Unable to attend due to being hospitalized were Maj. Newton Courtney and Lt. Col. John Lee, both at Lovell General Hospital and Capt. "Old Salt" Marshall Taylor at Marine Hospital in Brighton. These last three will be remembered with gifts.

Unable to attend due to still being in the service were Sgt. Leon Varnam, Lt. Col. Arthur Smith, Capt. William "Chick" Gibson, Lt. Col. Harry Barrows, Maj. James Brown, Lt. Col. Chester P. Brown, Maj. Peter O'Neill, and for other reasons, Norville Milmore, Leslie Burke and also Lt. Col. Francis Crowe still in service as is Col. Harry Silsbee.

The chapter recently donated to the Red Cross and the "Dickie" Landry Hospital Fund. Committee for the Welcome Home Dinner was Chairman A. Raymond Doucette and Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, George Walton, Raymond Booth, George Merrill, Harold Guppy, Percy Paige, Leslie Pugh, George Holt, Rudolph Heftye, Christian Schacht, Robert Quinn, Walter Smith and Oliver Nichols.

Recently appointed as Advertising Manager of Lynn YD Barrage was Richard Skinner, World War II. — The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Dester Dubois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our Installation of Officers was held in Carpenter's Hall, North Sixth Street, Tuesday evening, March 12th.

We had a very good attendance at this meeting. There were quite a few from the new YD who are eligible to join and it is our hope that we can sign up a number of them. We had a very pleasant evening and there was plenty to eat and drink for everybody.

Preceding the installation we had quite a few interesting speakers. We were pleased to have our National Comdr. Dennis Brunton and the National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswill Patch install our officers.

The officers installed were: Commander, Dester Dubois; Senior Vice, Ralph Swift; Junior Vice, John Sullivan; Treasurer, Walter Johnson; Secretary, Ernest G. Parker; Chaplain, Armand Duclos; Sgt.-at-Arms, Alphone Fortin; Trustees, Dr. A. B. Crowe, Dr. F. W. Winship and Ray Manchester.

The installation was ably handled by our Past Comdr. W. H. Barter who acted as Master of Ceremonies and he did a swell job.

The refreshments were taken care of by Comrade Burns who always does a good job.

We are going to try very hard to up our membership this year. I want to thank on behalf of the comrades our National Commander and his Sgt.-at-Arms for coming down to install our officers.

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READING

"Chateau-Thierry Chapter"

Commander: Stanley R. Gerard
101 Hanscom Ave., Reading, Mass.

Secretary: Lyman E. Pratt
30 Pierce St., Reading, Mass.

Well, well, well, old Reading is now back on the job. It has been some time since we have had a good meeting but with so many getting discharged it will now be possible to have more news from time to time.

All our own gang is wondering what has happened to our old scribe, Lyman Pratt, Clarence Thomas, who is quite busy with the electric light business; Joe Carder from North Reading, who we never see any more and many of the others of our old gang. And by the way, Wakefield is slipping terrible even to our old standby Bill Fall.

However, now that the war is almost over and we can again get gasoline and other things that have been lacking for the past few years the old gang will get together regularly from now on.

We have signed up two of the new YDers, Robert Graham and Earl Hobart both of the 182nd Inf. Capt. John Arnott has become enrolled in the Boston Chapter but after we get rolling again I know John will transfer to Reading and by the way, speaking of these comrades, Comrade Hobart is in the garage business on Main Street in Reading as Hobart's Garage and Capt. John Arnott has just oponed up a filling station on Main Street just before the railroad

crossing under the Esso sign. When riding through Reading look them up as they are part of us now.

Some of our comrades have asked me to request that the chapter news from all chapters, give the coming events as many of our gang would like to visit, but after the DOINGS has been published the parties are all over.

We cannot say anything about our election and installation for the present until the officers are elected.

— Albert C. Maxwell.

SALEM

Commander: Charles Leger
32 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.

Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Well our big affair of the year is on the way in case you did not read the last issue of Yankee Doings. Here is a very brief outline of the shindig. Banquet and Military Ball in Salem Armory, Saturday, April 13 starting at 6.30 sharp; turkey dinner; then we listen to the big shots shoot the turkey for about an hour; then a photograph of the 400 new YD boys who will be our guests that evening; then a military grand march; then a floor show and dancing.

Some of the big shots we are shooting for are Gen. Willard Paul, Gen. Chas. Cole, Gen. Wm. Keville, Gen. John Sherburne, General Foley, General Logan, Colonel Colley, Colonel Hayes, Colonel Harrington, Colonel Dunning, Colonel Dawson, Major Wilkinson, Major Brainard, Major Morrison, Colonel Goodrich, Commander Henthorn, Rev. Capt. Bransfield, Colonel Picket and a number of others. How many of these will we get to attend? Well we have quite a few already.

The committee has been working on this affair for three weeks and we still have a month to go. Things look pretty good for a successful time, but we are keeping our fingers crossed. One of the hardest workers on this committee is a brand new YDer, Bert Julien, who has been working on Registrations, and selling tickets. We wanted to push him up to an important office in the Nomination of Officers, but Bert said, "Give me a chance to get to know what it is all about".

Some of the new YDers who have joined since last report are Henry E. Genest, Sgt., Co. K, 328th Inf.; Elie Gagnon, Pfc., 102nd FA. Bn.; Cpl. Richard St. Pierre, 102nd FA. Bn.; Eli L. Mallard, Pfc., Bty., 102nd FA. Bn.; Alfred Pelletier, Sgt., Co. K, 182nd Inf.; Raymond Voyer, Pfc., 102nd FA. Bn.; Chester A. Kingsley, Bty. A, 102nd FA. Bn.; Walter J. Coan, Pfc., Med., 102nd FA. Bn.; Elsworth H. Payne, T-5, 39th Sig. Bat. and five new applications to come in. Oh yes, we have a brand new YDer of World War I, a member of the Battalion that won the war—Sgt. Howard Phelan, Bty. E, 101st FA.; also Albert Theriault, Co. H, 104th Inf., World War I. We now have 15 new YDers in Salem Chapter.

— Donald Duck Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Walter F. Gilligan
47 Armstrong Ave., W. Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Robert D. Nash
531 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, Mass.

At the last regular meeting of the chapter held Friday, March 15, 1946, the following comrades were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: Commander, Walter F. Gilligan, 47 Armstrong Ave., West Springfield, Mass., W. W. I; Senior Vice Commander, David D. Hogan, 170 Plumtree Rd., Springfield, Mass., W. W. I; Junior Vice Commander, Luther D. Hackett, 13 Shaine Circle, Springfield, Mass., W. W. II; Secretary, Robert D. Nash, 531 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, Mass., W. W. II; Treasurer, Benjamin E. Johnson, 185 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass., W. W. I; Chaplain, Roger C. Nash, 531 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, Mass., W. W. II; Sgt.-at-Arms. John S. Lech, 34 Exchange St., Chicopee, Mass., W. W. II; Judge Advocate, Alfred F. LaFreniere, 25 High St., Chicopee Falls, Mass., W. W. II; Historian, George R. Norton, 23 Glenham St., Springfield, Mass., W. W. I; Trustees, Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass., W. W. I; Angelo M. Curto, 36 Fort Pleasant Ave., Springfield, Mass., W. W. II; Roswell F. Patch, 98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass., W. W. I. Believe me, this is certainy a well balanced team of officers with YD veterans of both World Wars evenly divided, and we are looking forward to another successful year.

Perhaps many of you comrades have not heard that Comrade Gilligan has been very ill, having spent several weeks in the Newington Hospital. However, we are delighted to report at this time that he is back home again and well on the road to recovery. By the way, he is on a strict diet and if he keeps on losing weight we can truthfully name him the "thin man" from now on.

Comrade Alfred Desmond is now confined in the Newington Hospital, awaiting an operation.

Comrade Richard M. Cunningham is confined to the Wesson Memorial Hospital where he is recuperating from the results of a serious automobile accident.

The Springfield Chapter is pleased to report that we are ending up our year with the largest membership we have ever had—that is 247 members. We have all put forth extra effort for members this year in honor of our own member—National Comdr. Dennis J. Brunton.

Saturday night, March 30th, will be our installation of officers for the ensuing year. The committee is headed up by Comrade David Hogan and he will be assisted by Comrades Bill Bolack, Luther Hackett, Benjamin Johnson, Bill McCarron, Roger Nash, and Richard Risley. The committee has been working very hard to make this party a huge success and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the party.

Inasmuch as I am finishing my year as secretary of the Springfield Chapter, this will of course be my last article for Yankee Doings and I wish to express my sincere thanks to the editor for all the space he has given to me for the news of my own chapter.

It is my heartfelt desire that the incoming officers will be given the same support that has been given to the out going officers.

— Roswell F. Patch.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

Well the smoke of battle having cleared we are now waiting for I-D (installation day) when our National Commander and his staff will favor us with a visit for the purpose of installing the officers that have been chosen to rule the destinies of this chapter for the next year. The election was very ably conducted under the chairmanship of Jud Fish (104th Inf.) even though there were a couple of sticker candidates and a last minute withdrawal.

The following comrades were elected to fill their various offices for the next year: Commander, Henry N. Russell (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.); S.V.C., Eric Thoreen (Batt. E, 102nd F.A.); James J. Wrightson (G. Co., 101st Inf.); J. V. C., Treas., James W. Kierstead (103rd Inf.); Chaplain, the old faithful, George F. Gaumond (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.); Executive Committee, P.C. Mathew Leary (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.); by acclamation, Richard M. Fish (World War II, G. Co., 101st Inf), P.C. Robert W. Vail (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.), Hilding E. Ahlquist (H. Co., 104th Inf.), Leonard H. Johnson (H. Co., 104th Inf.), R. Joseph Fontaine (Batt. E, 102nd F.A.), Harold F. Gould (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.), Carl A. Johnson, Jr. (H. Co., 104th Inf.), Emil Champigny (Batt. E, 102nd F.A.). House Committeeman for five years, P.C. Thomas H. McCarthy (Batt. B, 102nd F.A.). The Adjutant, Sergeant-at-Arms and Historian are to be appointed by the Commander before the night of installation.

Following the installation, entertainment will be provided by the House Committee (a group that is always looking out for the interests of the chapter). Many prominent guests will be present to congratulate the officers and the chapter for the work that they have done and the work that lies before them in the coming convention. Of course refreshments will be served during the evening, and a good time will be had by all that attend this affair.

Everybody here in the chapter are working like beavers getting things lined up for the convention so that the comrades can remember the good time that they had at the 27th Annual Convention. It would be impossible to name any one member that stands out, as there are so many that are doing their utmost to make this party a success.

We want to at this time say that anybody that is in the neighborhood drop in and say 'Hello' to the following comrades who will be glad to see them: Comrade Valmore Barbeau and Fred Bogle who are at the John Adams Hospital in Chelsea, and to Ernest C. (Ernie) Parent and Harold Fanning who are at the Veterans' Facility in West Roxbury. Clio Haywood was again confined to his home by more ptomaine poisoning. The members of the chapter extend their sympathy to P.C. Harold A. Nute and his brother George (of Northampton) on the loss of their grandmother, to Joseph Sauriol on the loss of his brother, to Wilfred Cote also on the loss of his brother.

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The National Organization lost another war time Commander of the division, namely Maj. Gen. Harry C. Hale, the Commanding General that brought the boys home in 1919. General Hale came to the division in November, 1918, while the division was moving from the Meuse offensive to the rest area (???) at Montigny le Roi. The general's career was very colorful from the time that he graduated from West Point as a second lieutenant in 1883 to the day of his retirement at the age of 64 in 1925. Chief among his exploits was the time that he went out into the Bad Lands in the winter to hunt for the band of Sitting Bull, which had disappeared after a fight following their ghost-dance and the death of their medicine man. He finally located them and brought them back 52 miles into the post, single-handed. He had accomplished this feat without firing a shot. For this deed he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, but because of this feat the regulations denied him that privilege because it was not actual combat.

So may he take his place with our illustrious (Daddy) General Edwards in the land beyond, for the final review of a wonderful division.

The flying squadron (of the convention committee) are making valiant attempts to visit all chapters before the convention rolls around, even if it is two hours after the meeting has started. Earl Holbrook, the treasurer of the committee asks that all comrades that have sold books of tickets, if they will send them in as fast as possible it will be easier for him to check them off instead of waiting until the last minute.

— COE.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander James Macallum, 62 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

PAWTUCKET

"Apremont Chapter"

Commander: Albert Plant
846 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

The meeting of March 18th, was the night of the membership drawing. 62 members responded to the call.

Among those present were: Past Comm. John Rancourt all the way from East Greenwich, R. I. and Barney Hughes came up the river from Newport.

It was good to see these fellows, maybe some more of you members will get out for a night, pay us a visit.

I also want to thank the members, especially those out of town for mailing in their checks so promptly. It proves we can at least keep in touch with each other.

Well, here is the list of officers I hope meets with your approval. At the next meeting they will be installed, try to attend more meetings and give these men your support, they deserve it.

John L. Mallon was elected Commander; Bert Campbell, Senior Vice; Norman Young, Jr. Vice; John R. Moran, Secretary; Albert Plant, Arnold Beech and Albert Shabbott were appointed trustees.

Homer Poirer was appointed chairman of a committee to plan a banquet May 4. He will be assisted by Shabbott, Campbell, and Joseph Vigiard.

The program and banquet will be the first since the start of the war, so let's get behind the committee and give it your support.

The next meeting will be held on the night of April 15, the third Monday. Installation of officers will take place after a short meeting.

— Albert Plant, Comm.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Francis Dunn
59 Appleton St., Providence 9, R. I.

Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 10, R. I.

Our last meeting was observed as Past Commanders' Night. Henry McCarthy and Bill Mulcahey were listed as missing in action. Those attending were: P.C.'s Larry Cook, Edwin M. Mara, John J. Kelly, Bob Murray, Mike Crescenzo and Dave Davidson. When introduced the boys responded by handing out orchids to our present officers and workers of the chapter for progress made during the years of '45-'46.

Our hose-carts, Commander Dunn, Jim Girvan, Walter Vickery and "Ponzi" Whitman put on a swell feed of Southern Fried Chicken plus a punch made by Guy Kittredge. It was a combination of six bottles and a prayer. An hour later under the good of the YDVA: Comrades Charlie Hart, Dan Clifford, Major John Christy, John Mielke, Paul Sundberg, Henry Briggs, Bill Thomson, Clem Greenhalgh and others brought forth the news that Providence Chapter

should put on another National Convention. If Kitt had dumped that seventh bottle in the punch bowl I'm sure Providence Chapter would be on record now as hosts to the YDVA in 1947. When last seen Paul Sundberg was walking out with a chicken under his arm. At his age you wouldn't expect one On it.

The feature of our March meeting was the response to the cards sent out by Murray and Mack. 85 members promised to be present. Due to the change in our meeting night from Wednesday to Tuesday there was indication that the boys were balled up. Cards were received from Tony Bucci, Larry Poalino, "Pop" Tucker and others who failed to show up. To make matters worse, our genial treasurer, "Cash and Carry" Thayer was listed as missing. With many bills due to be paid and no dough on hand the committee sent Jack Kelly and Bob Eley on a scouting trip to find Horace. They tell me that back in 1918 Horace was a lover of the blankets. In 1946, on Tuesday the 5th, he was enjoying a snooze under a silk quilt. Let's hope he remembers the date of our future meetings.

All in all the 85 cards received were really a pleasure to read. I don't know how some of them ever got through the mail. In answering the invitation to the chicken battle some of the boys spoke in the language of the dugouts and trenches. Here's a sample: Dear Mack: Sorry I can't be with you on the 5th. After all, what in ---- do you --- ---- Northerners know about Southern Fried Chicken. Best wishes to all, James C. Gold, A Bty., Greenville, S. C.

Here's another: Dear Bill: Tell the boys of the Jam Battery, I am the father of five kids between the ages of 7-14. Hope to see you all at a later date, Leo Robataille, C. Bty., Washington, D. C. Think of it, fellars, back in '18 Leo and I called one another goldbrickers. What a bum I turned out to be. How are you, Leo?

During the course of the evening we had the pleasure of introducing Major John Christy and Lt. Ernest Gendreau. In response to their introduction they passed the buck along in claiming no self glory for themselves. In commenting on our new members I'll steal a page from the book of Johnny Osterburg. He knows from experience that men are not awarded D.S.C.'s and Silver Stars for throwing several naturals in a crap game or holding thirteen spades in a game of bridge. The only way to get a story out of these fighting men is to back them into a corner with a gun in your hand. In introducing Jack Christy I caught him with his pants down. As matters stand he left me holding his suspenders. What's the story, Major?

Through detective work I did learn that Lt. Gendreau served with the 101st Engrs. He was shot through the ribs and the bullet penetrated his spine. At present he is paralyzed from the hips down. Despite that he made the trip from Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass., to be with us on the occasion of our chicken battle. He won't even admit that the coming years of hospitalization are going to be boresome. Tell me, fellars, how in hell do you expect me to write a story when you won't part with the facts. If you don't come through I'll put Capt. Greenhalgh of the P.D. on your trail.

Ill fortune and good fortune continues to hound our members. Jack Callery is convalescing at home with ticker trouble. Bill Andrews, at this writing, is sniffing ether in the Jane Brown Hospital. William A. Soban is now V.P. of Union Trust Bank. By that I mean Vice President. Lt. Col. Paul B. Metcalf has finally arrived in R. I. after three years of service overseas. Ted Hird reminds me of a flight of stairs. He's up and down. Just received word that Leo Botarri's wife passed away. Sympathy to you, Leo, from the gang. Henry McCarthy is still battling. Despite his thirty-nine day itch, Frank McCormick, put away two chickens without the aid of teeth. Charlie Perry can still deal the devil's 52. Walter Hohler finally got around to a YD meeting. Cliff Emmons has retired from business. He's worth a million — Francs. Capt. Bill Bresette has retired from the F.D. at the age of 51. John J. Lukowski, Co. L, 104th Inf., of the W.W. II has joined our ranks.

In conclusion, fellars, we are getting old. We can't run after your dues like we used to do. Please mail same and we'll say, Thanks, or better still attend our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, the first of May. Let's continue carrying on the tradition of the old and new YD.

— Murray-Mack.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: Roy Simpson
2 Gardenway Rd., Quonset Point, R. I.

Secretary: Geo. R. MacLeod
180 Wendell Rd., Lakewood, R. I.

The regular meeting of the Kent County Chapter YDVA was held March 9, 1946 in Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton, R. I., Comm. Roy Simpson presiding. In general it was a bang-up affair, about 60 being present. We were honored by the presence of our Nat. Comm. Dennis J. Brunton, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch and their wives also, Comm.-elect Frank Wadsworth, Treas. Ernest Folks of Groton-Stonington Chapter, Comm. our State Department, Comm. James McCallum. Other guests were PSDC John Kelly,

Comm. Francis Dunn of Prov. Chapter, PC David Davidson, PSDC Joseph Bourgett, PC Al Shabbott, Norman Young of Apremont Chapter.

Chairman Carl Olsen of Nominating Comm. read the list of Officers who are to serve 1946-1947 for Comm., Henry Bacon; Senior Vice, William Geddes; Junior Vice, Edward Luther; Sgt.-at-Arms, James Dyson; Chaplain, William Bergin; Treas., Carl Olsen; Sec., Geo. MacLeod; Trustees, Walter Card, Alfred Heaton.

Comm. Brunton gave a short talk of the "Veterans' Problems" and briefly outlined what Worcester has lined up for the convention. Other guests were called on for remarks and the meeting adjourned. The ladies of Kent County Chapter comprising Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mrs. James Dysen, and Mrs. Carl Olsen and Mrs. May Luther, Mrs. George MacLeod, and Mrs. Ernest Peterson had a very nice lunch. Fred Jones and his committee from Worcester were just in time for some good coffee which they sure needed after being lost in Warwick for two hours. Prizes were won by Norman Young of Apremont Chapter and William Geddes of Kent County Chapter. Our next meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, 2 P. M., April 7, 1946. The State Dept. will be our guest. Also Installation of Officers.

P.S.—Kent County Chapter wishes to thank our Comm. Roy Simpson and Mrs. Simpson for the gift of the American flag to the Chapter.

— Geo. MacLeod, Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: J. Philip Fray, 162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
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HARTFORD

Commander: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order 3.30 p.m. by Comdr. Phil Fray. Salute to colors. Prayer by Chaplain Dike.

Connecticut State Department again honored with the attendance of our National Comdr. Dennis Brunton and his Sgt.-at-Arms, Roswell Patch. Comdr. Fray instructed Sgt.-at-Arms George Carlos to conduct our distinguished guests to the rostrum. He then instructed the Sgt.-at-Arms to escort P.N.C. Ed. Miller and Ben Bourne, also P.D.C. Fred Hirsch to the rostrum, but as they requested permission to remain on the floor, it was granted.

Roll call of officers, 8 present. Roll call of chapters, 9 present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Flower collection $8.49. P.C. Dube turned in $1.00 for Who's Who in YD—$1.00 turned in which was turned over to Treasurer, making a total flower collection of $10.49.

Senior Vice-Comdr. Clarence Roys reported very good progress on membership. Report of Chaplain and commanders on illness. Chaplain Dike not having any list of sick in Newington and Rocky Hill, had no report to make. Joseph Cavallaro, who I believe is in Newington, and Albert Rossing who is ill in Hartford Hospital, were announced. Your secretary visited Newington on Tuesday, March 5, with Sister Helen Brophy, Sister Florence Schaeffer and Comrade Harvey Squires. The auxiliary of P.C. Vigneulles distributed 400 packs of cigarettes. Sister Brophy donated a box of cigars and 15 local papers. We visited Earle Cooley, Irving Bisnov, and Ed Groody from P.C. Vigneulles, also Ed. Farrington, Ed. Barrows, Nelson Spirling from Waterbury, and Walter Gilligan from Springfield, Mass.

Bills and Communications. One bill was presented and ordered paid—$1.50 for printing minutes of previous meeting, $1.20 for envelopes and stamps, and $2.00 for supplies—total $4.70.

Letter from YD Club of Washington, D.C., read and placed on file. Letter from Worcester Convention Committee requesting information regarding drum corps and bands who are coming to Worcester. They request number in corps or bands, also whether male or female, so they can procure adequate housing.

It was voted to instruct the treasurer to purchase a Past Commander's Button for the outgoing commander from Fred Brown.

The Commander then read the report of Paul Caravatt, chairman of the Nominating Committee. There was one change from the original slate of officers submitted at the Bridgeport meeting. Fred Hirsch being unable to take up duties of Chaplain, Wm. O'Neil was nominated. He is a World War II veteran. When the slate was read it was moved from the floor that the nominations be closed. Then it was moved that the secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of officers nominated. This was done. Following are the officers elected:

Commander, Clarence Roys; Senior Vice-Commander, John Carter; Jr. Vice-Commander, Joseph Kolusky; Treasurer, Sam Marcus; Chaplain, Wm. O'Neil, Jr.; Amer. Officer, Rev. R. B. T. Anderson; Service Officer, Clyde Beckwith; Judge Advocate, Ernest Novey; Historian, John Goss; Legislature, Ben Bourn.

Commander Roys then submitted the names of his Sgt.-at-Arms and Secretary whom he had appointed: Eben Dike as Sgt.-at-Arms and H. Leroy Woodcock as Secretary. These were approved from the floor.

Commander Fray then called on Nat. Comdr. Dennis Brunton who gave a very interesting talk on membership and the Worcester Convention. Comdr. Brunton thanked the Dept. of Connecticut and the Local Commanders for the splendid support they gave him during his year. The Connecticut Dept. also wants to thank you, Dennis, for the splendid attendance and support you have given the Connecticut Dept. during your year.

Nat. Sg.t-at-Arms Roswell Patch, P.N.C. Ed. Miller, and P.D.C. Bill Thompson also gave short talks.

It was voted to hold Memorial Services at Trinity Church, Waterbury, Conn., Father Anderson officiating, either at our May or June meeting. The secretary is to contact Father Anderson for date.

The secretary requests that all the posts in the Dept. of Conn. submit a list of their officers as soon as they are elected for our records, also for our mailing list.

Our April meeting will be held at Willimantic. Please keep this date open, and in your mind—April 14, 1946. At this meeting our National Comdr. Dennis Brunton and the National Sgt.-at-Arms Roswell Patch, will install the new officers of the Dept. of Connecticut, and they in turn will install the newly elected officers of Willimantic Chapter. P.D.C. Gardner Hall has promised a bangup Good Time to all who attend.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Samuel Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Our last meeting was a cheerful one. Comdr. Samuel Marcus who was at Rocky Hill for a check-up was with us again and looked much better, also Past Comdr. John F. Fray who also was sick and is much better.

Two more veterans of World War II applied for membership and others are taking an active part in the activities of the chapter. William O'Neil, Jr., who was still in uniform at the State Meeting is now in civies and looked good in them.

Elections were held and a slate elected to office who will be installed at our next regular meeting with a little time for our members and friends.

A committee was appointed to arrange for it—John F. Fray, Anso Paci and George Carlos, who can be depended on to make a good job of it as they always do.

The Ladies' Auxiliary had their meeting the same night and had elections for officers for the next year. They will be installed in a double installation with the men's chapter at our next meeting when the ladies will do their stuff.

Their meeting was saddened by the fact that their Commander, Agnes Rayburn, was at the hospital at the time but was getting better and all hope that she will be well and with the rest of us at our next meeting.

— Samuel Zolo.

BRISTOL

Commander: Loren White
59 Walnut St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

We held our last meeting at our old stand, the YD Camp in Plainville. All had a good time. Drinks are on the check system. When you get there Tom Scott gives you three YD checks—gets you three high balls, straights or four bottles of beer which is what we figure is just about the minimum a YD man can get along on.

Clarence Smith found a way to beat our par system. He goes to a brother's wife whom he notices don't seem to care for the liquid fodder and says to her, "Haven't you lost quite a little weight lately?

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We were served a nice oyster stew with light cream and butter in it also oysters, coffee and cake.

Next regular meeting will be held at YD Camp. Turkey dinner, fixings and the same three slugs, April 23rd. It will be a combination Seicheprey night, regular meeting, election of officers and get together of members and their wives—6.30 p.m. sharp.

Thompson and I went to Worcester last Sunday and took a peek at that beautiful YD Home which gave us a lot of ideas. We met our genial Convention Chairman Jones, his wife and others, took care of our advance registrations, etc. We got back in Hartford just in time to get in on the finish of the State meeting.

We are sending in later in the month a list of re-ups for Bristol for 1947—117 members.

— W. N. Salladin, Jr.

NORWALK

Commander: John Kvance
6 Couch St., W. Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

The monthly meeting and election of officers was held Friday night, March 15, at the YD Dugout No. 3 Alden Ave., with a large turnout of members. Plans were made to welcome home the sons and daughters of members of the chapter who served in the Armed Forces in World War II. Henry Woods, P.C., was appointed to contact all the sons and daughters. They will be entertained at the annual Seicheprey party which will be held in April. The new officers elected will also be installed on the same night. The committee to make arrangements consists of Samuel Polley, P.C.; Anthony Carrione, P.C.; John Manek and William Cullen.

The following were elected to carry on with the duties of the chapter:

Commander, John Kvance; Senior Vice-Commander, Philip McIntyre; Junior Vice-Commander, John Manek; Secretary and Treasurer, Albert Herman; Chaplain, Elwood Broadway; Sgt.-at-Arms, Tony Carrione; Historian, William P. Adams; Trustees, George Golding, Samuel Polley, Henry Woods.

At this point the Commander-elect was escorted to his new station, the gavel was presented to him by Commander Broadway and in a few words Commander Kvance promised to do his best in carrying out the duties of his new office and thanked the members for their confidence in him. It was a real old timers night with lots of good suggestions for the coming year.

Dues are already coming in. Let's pay on the line gang; don't wait too long; remember you have a voice at the convention floor with a pair-up card, and speaking of the convention, remember the one in 1936? Worcester will do it again—don't miss it.

— A. W. H.

WILLIMANTIC

Commander: Dr. W. P. Keating
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner Hall
So. Willington, Conn.

After listening to Commander Cohen "laying it on" for lack of news in "Doings" insofar as this chapter is concerned the writer began to analyze himself a bit to find out if he were cooperating with the boys to this end and after careful thought reached the conclusion that perhaps there might be some basis for this. All right Marty here goes and first of all the chapter which you have headed the past year has steadily under your leadership made nice progress so accept our sincere thanks for a job well done. Now that you are to be our treasurer I suppose I'll get "hog tied" if I don't keep on the ball. It's a pleasure to work with you Martin.

During the last two months Chapter Meetings have been well attended and much accomplished. During that time we celebrated in grand style our 10th anniversary as a chapter, held a raffle which was one of our best and best of all have added to our membership list the names of six of the grandest boys of the new YD you could ever hope to meet. Five of these are from our neighboring city of Norwich and one from Willimantic.

Our last meeting, March 4th saw 19 of the gang present including our old friend Lawrence Lindgren. Welcome home Larry. Treasurer's report showed a little cash left in the bank and also a fair amount in the flower and sick fund. No sickness was reported so it must be YD in this neck of the woods is in good health. Even our 74-year-old Commander-elect, Dr. Keating is doing pretty well. More power to "Doc" and best wishes during your term of office.

Officers-elect to be installed April 14th are: Commander, Dr. W. P. S. Keating; Senior Vice, Charles Mass; Jr. Vice, Robert Hall; Treasurer, Martin Cohen; Secretary, Gardiner Hall; Sgt.-at-Arms, Euclid Pimpare; Chaplain, Dave Semel; Trustees, Pat Haggerty, three years; Tom Delaney, two years; Elliott Moshier, one year. Obligation of new members was done by PDC Lawrence Lindgren.

Two new YD were "taken in" at this meeting. PDC Larry Lindgren suggested a Past Commanders' night. It "took" and now Larry has himself a job. Chairman of a committee to arrange for same. Reports were routine and the one on the coming installation of officers April 14th was real good. Chairman Maass and Co-Chairman Haggerty are lining up the details. A nice buffet supper and dancing are part of the afternoon program. Hope to have our National Headquarters well represented at this time to. Also expect our old friends from Worcester, Clyde Elliott and Freddy Jones down.

Norman Moshier, son of our treasurer, has been discharged from the Navy and now is home again. Lawrence Lindgren, Jr., is out of the Army and home.

Membership which is always interesting to note is as follows: As of March 5th, we have 56 paid-up and have a head start on 1946-47 with 26 already in. The boys are coming through nicely with dues this year.

Not forgetting the never to be forgotten YD convention in Worcester in 1936 the boys are beginning to warm up to "it" for this year's convention in the same city. To date 16 have registered and there will be more to come. We will be well represented. Just a reminder to you men that plan to go. Bring those YD sons and daughters too. Let them get a "squint" at our YD and find out what really makes it click. Naturally those swell YD wives will be on hand. Gosh what would old men do without 'em.

Just a reminder boys of four big events at Worcester. The opening day has the Big Time Revue at the Beautiful Auditorium. Come Friday afternoon, there is that huge and delicious clambake and in the evening the big miltary ball with a "name" band and what a name. And of course Sunday will be the big parade. We can't miss. Don't forget Sunday—the Big Memorial Service to our departed YD comrades. Get on the ball gang — get your dues in now and register for the convention now or as soon as possible.

— G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: Fred D. Brown, 607 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary Pro Temp.: Walter A. Haak
938 Pembrook Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Meeting was well attended with a couple of new YD memberships added—Francis V. Baldo, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 328th Reg.; William F. Russell, Battery B, 101st F.A. Bill re-enlisted and is now under the eye of Uncle Sam.

The plans for a Triple Celebration—the 10th Anniversary (of the Ohio Chapter); Installation of Officers and Homecoming of the new YD Veterans, are now completed. This big gala affair will be held on May 5, 1946 in the Crystal Ball Room of the Tudor Arms Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Reservations are now being made by the members.

Harry Schnell, Co. E, 102nd Inf., won the TD shirt and tie drawing while Henry Witt, MG Co., 104th Inf., lost out in the cash drawing by his absence. So be on hand boys, else one of you may "lose your shirt" or the dough by being AWOL.

The chapter is making plans for a delegation to attend the National Convention in Worcester in June.

— Edward Dulude.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Buell—In a recent newspaper article, Temple Buell was spoken of as being "nationally" recognized as a leader in the school of modern architecture.

Chandler informs us that his new son is getting along fine and is quite the lad.

Chapin—If his new Chevrolet arrives in time, he hopes to be able to drive it back to Worcester for the YD convention.

Johnson recently visited Phoenix, Ariz., on a business trip.

Loeb is hopefully awaiting the arrival of his new Mercury.

Morris (Dr. James I.) played slot machine before meeting—no jack pot.

Murray on vacation with his wife down in Texas.

Norton bowling with picked Denver team in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas City.

Preston—AWOL from meeting. Called his office the next morning and was informed that he was having some dental work done.

Rockwell home from Boston. Reports having met no "YDers" while back there.

Vetter called on Bob McLaughlin out at Fitzsimons. Bob had had a visitor, Maj. Ralph W. Robart formerly a 1st Lieutenant of Co. C, 104th Inf. The Major was stationed at Lowry Field but has been sent to San Antonio for discharge. Saw Roy Doyle several weeks ago. Roy looks fine.

NEW YORK

Commander: Ralph F. Nevin

Room 1350, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon

75 Pine St., Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

The New York Chapter stood roll call at our March meeting on the 14th at the Hotel Lexington with 41 present. The usual dinner which enables us to get the meeting room was fully attended despite the increased barrage on the pay off. Our new commander Ralph Nevin got off to a good start on what was planned as a "Town Meeting"—it was with all the variations. Your humble servant, the scribe of the records, certainly was fully initiated into the order of pencil pushers. Ways and Means was stretched beyond all normal capacity—everything but the Iran situation and that was avoided as a UNO matter which we defer to our comrades in nearby Connecticut.

All World War II veterans were particularly welcomed and those since our last meeting were introduced, namely: Phillips Lounsbery, "G", 104th Inf.; Corrado A. Nastasi, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; James J. Papa, "A" and Hq., 104th Inf.; Donald S. Portues, "F", 104th Inf.; Robert K. Watts, "B", 602nd T.D. Bn.; Leo Wurtzel, "L", 328th Inf.; Thomas Bartholomieczyk, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; Charles J. Hammel, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; Harvey J. Jefferbaum, "F", 101st Inf.; John Zahnleuter, "A", 104th Inf.; Nat Tereno, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; Edward J. Murphy, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; Marvin N. Mittman, "E", 328th Inf.; Edward A. Manfredo, "C", 101st Engrs., C Bn.; Herbert Levy, "L", 328th Inf.; Thomas F. Leonard, Hq., 26th Div.; Hugh J. Bushell, Can. Co., 328th Inf.; William K. Banks, "A", 101st Engrs., C Bn. and two World War I buddies, Charles M. Dodge, Hosp. Corps, 104th Inf. and Paul J. St. Jean, "G", 103rd Inf.

PC. Ed. Nelson reported a good start has been made on the Convention registrations. We'll be there Worcester and how! The chapter extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Francis Dearie, a former member who passed away on March 6th.

Comrade Henry Choquet stampeded the meeting with the gift of 12 pairs of Nylons and a one-man filibuster was put on until a drawing disposed of them at a handsome profit to the treasury.

Our April meeting on the 11th is scheduled to be a combine dinner with the Federal Board Students (World War I) of NYU when Hon. Carroll Reece will be the guest of honor together with other well knowns. Carroll Reece, DSC, 102nd Inf., is well known to many of us and is now prominently mentioned as the next G.O.P. National Chairman.

— "Nomel".

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Phillip S. Maloney

5752 Camden Ave., Merchantville, N. J.

Secretary: Louis Wintner

911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila. 40, Pa.

February was an exciting month for some of our members. Harvey Ellis was bursting his buttons off with the announcement of another grandchild, Dan Atkinson was blushing all over the place when we found out that he and Mary Taylor became a duet. This all came out at a birthday party for genial George Hudson at the Spring Hill Country Club, Maple Shade, N. J., Feb. 16th.

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By the time you read this column we will have a new slate of officers for your approval at the April meeting which incidentally will be an election and installation party. Make your plans now so that you can attend the dinner the latter part of April. Come out and give your new Commander a good start.

Have You Paid Your Dues? — Louis Wintner.

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with Jim Powers.

The 101st Infantry Regiment of World War II had their March 17th banquet at the Hotel Bradford and it was a very successful party. Many had to be turned away at the door as the main dining room was packed. The highlight of the evening was when President William P. Coffey obligated into the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association over 200 members of World War II. The principle speech of the banquet was delivered by Col. Paul Kirk, former commander of the regiment. The demonstration put on when he was presented clearly indicated that he is very popular with his men. He urged the boys of his regiment to join the 101st Association. At the conclusion of his speech he was given a great ovation.

Among those at the head table were: Gov. Maurice J. Tobin, Maj. Gen. Roger W. Eckfeldt, Col. Walter Scott, who commanded the regiment through the entire time they were in action, and who made a special trip from Fort Bragg, N. C., to be present, Gen. Francis Logan, Gen. William I. Rose, Col. David J. Brickley, Rev. Joseph Mahoney, Rev. H. P. Loka, Col. Vincent C. Breen, Pres. William P. Coffey, Pres. Edward Connor, Guy Watts and Toastmaster Thomas I. "Buddy" Coughlin, who did one swell job.

John Marshall (H Co.) is making a trip to Tampico, Fla., where he will visit Charlie Perelli (H Co.) who resides there . . . Pat Long (E Co.) for 25 years a member of the Reading police force, died at the West Roxbury Hospital following an illness of long duration . . . Henry Tucker (E Co.) recently passed away at the Bedford Hospital . . . Word from Fred Jones (G Co.) informs me that the YD Convention will be the biggest yet . . . Jim Powers (H Co.) has been appointed National Deputy Chief of Staff of the Disabled American Veterans . . . Boxing Commissioner Al Sears (H Co.) is making great progress on the membership drive . . . The 26th Regiment, M.S.G., commanded by Lt. Col. Andy Bernard (A Co.) made an outstanding appearance in the March 17th parade in South Boston . . . Col. Vincent C. Breen (C Co.) escorted Governor Tobin over the entire route.

Jerry Shea, while working on the Fire Alarm of the B.F.D., fell down and broke a leg. At present he is at the Boston City Hospital. All the gang are hoping for a speedy recovery, Jerry . . . Requests for applications are pouring in from members of World War II who are anxious to join the 101st . . . Buddy Coughlin (W. W. II), one of the best-known comrades throughout the 101st Regiment of World War II, is doing outstanding work in signing up the gang in the 101st . . . Fathers and sons who are members include John Collins (A Co.) and John, Jr. (Cannon Co.); Tim Bowes (H Co.) and William (E Co.); Angelo Annicilli (Supply Co.) and James (C Co.); Lt. Col. Phil Corbett (Supply Co.) and his son Walter (H Co.).

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Chicago Chapter: Irregular. Call Commander Donovan, Central 2468, Chicago, Ill.

Springfield Chapter: First and Third Fridays, G A R Hall, Springfield, Mass.

New York Chapter: Next meeting, Thursday, Feb. 21st, Lexington Hotel, 48th St. and Lexington Ave.

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